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*South Vietnam: (As of 0530 EDT) General Khanh, bowing to mounting student and Buddhist opposition, today resigned as president and rescinded the 16 August provisional constitution.

Khanh acted in the face of powerful new demonstrations by a student-led crowd estimated at 20,000 in Saigon today. The demonstrators demanded an end to "military dictatorship."

A communiqué issued by the government stated that the ruling Military Revolutionary Council (MRC) would meet tonight to elect a new prime minister and form a new government of mixed civilian and military composition. After that the MRC promised it would dissolve itself.

Today's events climaxed a week of mounting dissension in Saigon and several other urban centers. Before the demonstrations began this morning, Khanh had attempted to defuse the situation by announcing limited concessions to student demands.

Khanh's exact status and intentions in this fast-breaking situation are not yet clear. The unsettled conditions, moreover, are susceptible to exploitation by the Viet Cong who may have been responsible for a bomb thrown into a Saigon hotel during the demonstrations today.

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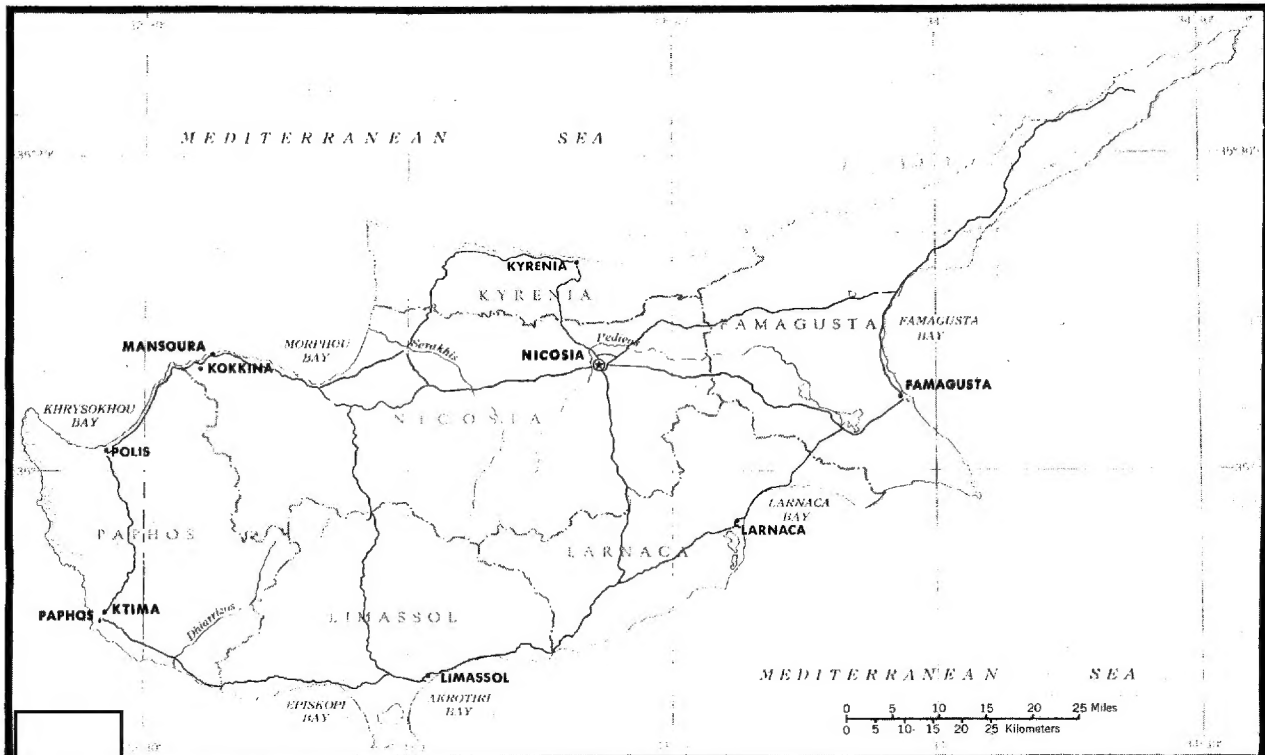
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*Cyprus: [Opponents of Turkish Prime Minister Inonu's Cyprus policy appear to be gaining strength.]

[Both the political opposition and the military are critical of Inonu for stopping the air strikes against Cyprus, and some Turks are even criticizing the government for "tolerating American pressure tactics."]

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[There is no evidence of serious coup plotting but the military, which would probably prefer controlling the government to overthrowing it, is capable of taking over on very short notice. Recent military personnel changes have weakened the pro-Inonu forces. The moderate Chief of Ground Forces has been replaced and probably will be able to play little part in future policy making.]

[Coupled with the anti-Inonu feeling is anti-American feeling. Turks have characterized recent American "pressure" as a "major diplomatic blunder" setting the stage for an anti-American campaign more extensive than that following President Johnson's letter last June.]

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[The Turkish Air Force apparently is making air reconnaissance of northwest Cyprus. Yesterday UN personnel identified two Turkish jets flying over waters between Kyrenia and Polis.]

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[President Makarios is expected to fly to Greece today, following yesterday's Athens meeting between Cypriot Foreign Minister Kyprianou and Greek leaders. Makarios and the Greek Government have been at odds, with the archbishop's attempts to secure Soviet aid and his opposition to enosis the major difficulties.]

[On Cyprus, there has been little change in the picture. The Turkish Cypriots have protested to the UNFICYP commander that Makarios is continuing to blockade Turkish communities, and there has been considerable movement of Greek Cypriot troops south of Kokkina. However, there have been no major incidents.]

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Jordan-Egypt: [Jordanian-Egyptian relations may begin to deteriorate as a result of King Husayn's growing suspicions of Nasir's intentions.]

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[The Egyptians have exerted strong pressure on the Jordanians to buy Soviet equipment with the funds the Egypt-dominated United Arab Command is providing for the strengthening of Jordan's military force.]

[Husayn's suspicions, however, do not yet appear to have altered his position on the weapons question. He still is likely to accept Soviet MIG-21s, the major item the Egyptians have been urging him to take, if he is unable to obtain comparable aircraft from the US. In the meantime, he has welcomed a US offer to reconsider an earlier rejection of a request for F-104G supersonic jets.]

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[Although Husayn may be emphasizing his scepticism about Egyptian and Soviet motives in hopes of inspiring a favorable US response to his arms request, his fears probably are to a large degree genuine.]

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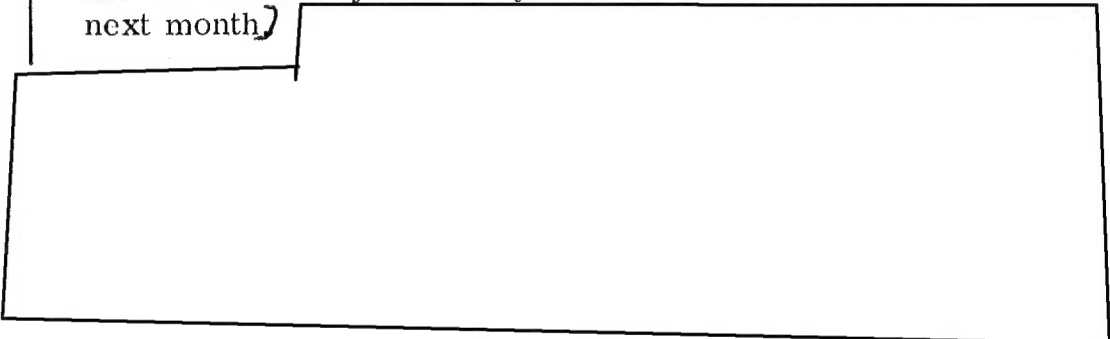
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NOTE

Afghanistan-USSR: [The Soviet surface-to-air missile (SAM) equipment observed recently in Kabul was put on display in the annual independence day parade on 23 August and identified as SA-2s. Although the Afghans will not be able to operate the SAMs for some time, the Pakistani ambassador, a retired military officer, was obviously shaken by the display. The Kabul government probably hopes that the disclosure of the SAMs will strengthen its position in the extraordinary assembly of tribal chiefs convening next month.]



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